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Compliance Date Extended for Limits of Trans Fatty Acids

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Report Highlights:

The Government of India's (GOI) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) postponed the compliance date for maximum limits of trans fatty acid levels until February 27, 2017.

General Information:

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On August 10, 2016, FSSAI issued a notice to postpone the enforcement date for maximum limits of trans fatty acid levels. The new deadline for compliance is February 27, 2017. Previously, FSSAI had announced the enforcement date as August 27, 2016. For more details, please refer to GAIN [IN5117](#).

Background:

FSSAI published the [Food Safety and Standards \(Food Product Standards and Food Additives\) Regulations, 2015](#), and amended the maximum allowable limits of trans fatty acids in fats, oils, and fat emulsions. The amendments are based on feedback received following the public comment period from draft regulations published on November 11, 2014 ([IN4114](#)).

FSSAI's notice is attached at the end of this report and can also be accessed on their website: <http://www.fssai.gov.in/>.

F.No. 4/15015/30/2011
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
(A statutory Authority under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India)
FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi-110002

The 10th August, 2016

Subject: Direction under Section 16(5) of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 regarding extension of time period for the compliance of Notification No. 4/15015/30/2011 dated 4th August, 2015 regarding maximum limit of trans fatty acids not more than 5% in various food products.

Reference is drawn to the notification No. 4/15015/30/2011 dated 4th August, 2015 published in the Official Gazette of India amending the Sub-regulations 2.2.2, 2.2.5 and 2.2.6 of Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011 by specifying the revised limit of trans fatty acids as not more than 5% in interesterified vegetable fat, margarine, fat spreads and hydrogenated vegetable oils.

2. After due consideration of the representations received from various stakeholders, requesting for deferment of implementation of the said regulation for the purpose of utilizing the inventory of their packaging materials, the timeline for compliance of the aforesaid notification from 27.08.2016 is hereby extended for a period of six months i.e. up to 27.02.2017.

3. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority in exercise of the power vested with Food Authority under clause 5 of Section 16 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.



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To

1. All Food Safety Commissioners
2. All Authorized Officers, FSSAI

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